

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 396
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Miss Nell Erin Curtis of
Carter County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Miss Nell Erin Curtis of Carter County; and

WHEREAS, Miss Curtis was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who gave unreservedly of herself for forty-seven remarkable years to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, living most of her meritorious life in the Horseshoe community in Carter County, Miss Curtis attended Elizabethton High School, often commuting to school by train or catching a ride into town with one of the plant workers; she desired to enter the teaching profession and subsequently received her teaching degree from East Tennessee State College; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, Miss Curtis devoted her time and talents to classrooms in the Carter County and Elizabethton school systems; beginning as a teacher in a one-room Horseshoe schoolhouse, Miss Curtis distinguished herself as a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable observers have said that Miss Curtis taught much more than the basics: she taught a way of life; she taught students to respect themselves and one another; she taught citizenship and self-worth; and

WHEREAS, whether she was in a one-room school teaching multiple grades or in a modern city or county school, Miss Curtis served her students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen; she was an extremely patient and giving person who motivated her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, Miss Curtis was a never-ending source of inspiration to those who knew and cherished her; her good works extended far beyond the walls of the schools in which she taught, and she was most assuredly an invaluable asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, although Miss Curtis has relinquished this life for a far greater existence, it is assured that the legacy she leaves behind will be remembered and treasured in Carter County for years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Miss Nell Curtis of Carter County, a lifelong educator, remembering with admiration her exemplary character and many selfless contributions to our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Miss Curtis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.